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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: <u>D.T.E. 04-33</u>: Petition of Verizon New England Inc. for Arbitration of an Amendment to Interconnection Agreements with Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers in Massachusetts, pursuant to section 252 of the Communications Act of

1934, as Amended, and the Triennial Review Order

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Metropolitan Telecommunications of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a MetTel ("MetTel"), through counsel and pursuant to the December 15, 2004 Procedural Order of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department"), hereby submits this Letter of Continued Participation in the above-referenced proceeding. Specifically, MetTel intends to arbitrate before the Department all issues raised in the above-referenced proceeding to amend its current interconnection agreement with Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except those issues related to DS0 switching. As noted in the Department's Procedural Order, MetTel was not subject to the Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration as to Certain Parties, filed by Verizon on August 20, 2004.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned counsel at (202) 955-9766 if you have any questions regarding this matter, or require further information.

Respectfully submitted,

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